

Sodales debators compete in Ottawa

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This past weekend members of Sodales took part in the Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debating tournament at the University of Ottawa. There were twenty-eight teams present for the five rounds of debating from universities across Canada. The prepared topic was be it resolved that "The Constitution should be Revised to give More Power to the Provinces." The teams from Dalhousie argued both sides of this topic as well as three extemporaneous topics.

The top Dal team, Norman Epstein and Jim Wentzell, placed number eight in the final standings. Although they were one of the youngest teams at the tournament, Norman and Jim finished behind teams from universities such as McGill, Queen's, the University of Ottawa and the University of Toronto. Sodales' second team, Bruce Thomson and Robert Atterman, placed 18th in the standings. Both teams made an impressive showing at the tournament.

The Dalhousie debators were disappointed with the low standard judging. Unfortunately, this is a

characteristic of many university tournaments and is not limited to CUSID tournaments. In Canada today, debating is an art which is still in the beginning stages of revival. People in the past few years have not been widely exposed to debating at the university level, thus there is no public from which we can readily draw qualified judges.

The road to a better recognition of the true values of debating will not be a short one. Students and faculty members, here at Dalhousie, are cordially invited to drop by Room 316 of the SUB on Tuesdays at 7:30. Each weekly meeting includes a debate between club members. In the club debate on November 22 Ken McKinley and Joe Wilson, as the government, faced Scott Grey and Bruce Thomson, as the opposition. The topic, "Be it resolved that the only good communist is a dead communist" sparked lively debate on both sides.

The public is reminded that Sodales members are selling tickets on a weekend trip for two to Montreal. Watch for the ticket booth in the SUB this week. The drawing will be held on November 29 in the SUB lobby.



On Friday, November 18th, education students and faculty joined forces to rejoice in the long awaited opening of the new student lounge. The large turnout helped to make the occasion a huge success and appropriate toasts were carried out. General consensus was that education students are more than pleased with themselves. Since the job market does not look hopeful, many students are hoping to avail themselves of the facilities next year. Seriously, though, it was a fun time and the education students' executive thank all those who contributed in any way.

The Education Faculty and Society invites all education students to the Christmas Dance to be held December 8 at 9:00 p.m.

CKDU needs help

CKDU Radio is still searching for a news director, public affairs director and research editor.

These have been some of the most difficult positions to fill in the already almost completely full executive.

The position of news and public affairs director has been competently filled by Blair Dwyer. Due to the large area covered by this title a separate news and separate public affairs director will be appointed and then coordinated by Dwyer.

The job of the research editor is to do research on news stories, musical programming introductions and any other pieces of writing that must be done. The terms of reference will be determined by the person who fills the job. As such the station is looking for someone who wants a challenge—and as well—the opportunity to experiment.

Anyone interested is asked to contact the station manager at 424-2410 or to drop by to Room 425, SUB.

V.D. strikes Phys ed

Due to the increasing rise in the occurrence of venereal disease it has been estimated that by 1980 one out of every two high school students will have contacted VD. You may not find this scary but the students in Health Education 401 (study of communicable diseases) do. They believe that VD is a major problem and have undertaken the job of providing the students and faculty with information about the causes, symptoms, cures and the preventions of this threatening epidemic.

This project-Destination Eradication will hold an awareness day on November 30 in the Physical

Education Building. There will be an open house all day from 10:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. providing an opportunity for anyone concerned to come in and learn the facts.

There will be three special presentations: from 11:30-12:30: an informal lecture and question / answer period by Dr. Rosemary Gill in room 5 of the P.E. Building; 12:30-1:30: TBA; 1:30-2:30: film—"Half a Million Teenagers Plus" in room 4 of the P.E. Building (an excellent film well worth seeing).

VD is a real threat. Do your share in eradicating this serious disease by becoming informed. Ignorance is the problem; embarrassment is

no excuse.

Could you tell if you had VD? What would be your first clue? You don't necessarily have to be promis-

cious to get VD and it only takes one check-up to find out so why not help yourself and do something about it?

Engineers Strike

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includes the university mail system, refused to confirm or deny union claims that Vagianos "rode shotgun" on the mailtruck Tuesday morning. Vagianos was unavailable for comment Wednesday afternoon.

The university has promised an injunction and police action to get fuel trucks across picket lines. If the oil trucks don't reach the heating plants, heat can only be maintained in university buildings for three to six days.

Picket lines will also present a problem to members of such organizations as the Dalhousie CUPE local, the DSA, and the Faculty. Fenerty feels that the engineers cannot properly ask the members of these groups not to cross picket lines and to stay home with no pay. The union feels that this would be making unfair demands on these other groups, who are also engaged in contract talks with the administration, and that it would in many cases be illegal under the Trades Union Act.

The engineers have, however, asked that other university groups not provide services normally provided by the union workers.

In response to this request, both the CUPE local and the DSA have agreed to cooperate with the union.

The DSA has issued a statement expressing solidarity and sympathy with the engineers, asking "that members of the DSA show their solidarity with those members of the staff on strike by a positive undertaking not to supply in any way the services of those workers

engaged in a legal strike.

Student Council called an emergency meeting Tuesday to deal with the Student Union's response to the strike. The meeting, originally open to all interested people, was restricted to Councillors only mid-way through the session.

The union has applied to the Student Union for special privileges in the SUB, so that it may be used as an operating base and coffee-stop for picketers.

According to Student Union President, Robert Sampson, the administration is blaming the union for an increase in vandalism directed against heating pipes, washrooms, etc., since the strike began. The university has therefore issued a directive to Vice-President Peter Mancini stating that the striking engineers are not to be allowed inside the SUB.

The Student Union has taken a neutral stand, urging both sides back to the bargaining table. The SUB is to continue operating as if the strike had never taken place, neither offering special concessions to engineers nor excluding them from the building. Sampson has reported, however, that if the vandalism continues, the administration will allow only card-carrying members of the university into the SUB, and could conceivably close the building in attempt to keep the strikers out.

Fenerty feels that the strike will be a long one, and "sees no end in sight." In the words of one union member, "working conditions and benefits may be negotiable, but you can't live on benefits."

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